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THE DOCTOR BY THE YEAR.

That the physician of the future will work under a contract system was predicted by a speaker at the recent convention of the Ohio State Medical association. He explained what he thought was an ideal system. Each individual would pay a yearly tax for "sickness insurance," and the doctors would be remunerated by the state. A stage preceding this will probably be the hiring of physicians by individuals and families on yearly contracts. The physician will be paid so much a month, or year to keep the patient well. No diminution will be allowed during health, no increase during sickness.

It's not very unlike the Chinese system by which the physician is paid during the health of the patient, but his fees are stopped upon the approach of illness.

This would put a stop to the abuses of the fee system. The doctor wouldn't starve if his people were well, nor would he keep on coming unnecessarily, nor would unnecessary operations be advised.

This plan is growing in favor among medical men. Dr. Otto V. Huffman advised it before a convention in Chicago this winter, and a bill for compulsory health insurance is to be introduced into the Ohio legislature next winter.

WHEN IS A RADICAL?

Of course, it could hardly be expected that anyone could join issue with the "high-ups" or "low-downs" in republican campaign manipulations, without being taken to task. To oppose the hypocrisies of republicanism, always has been, and, perhaps, always will be akin to sacrilege—in the minds of the republicans. It is only natural, therefore, that the veil-covered preparedness parade propaganda, instituted by the republicans in New York under the disguise of patriotism, and depended upon to overrun the country by appeal to our human meekness, should inspire this protest, upon the veil being removed:

"Editor News-Times:

"Your opposition to a preparedness parade is a type of radicalism that ought not to be tolerated. It is traitorous. I am a republican and I tell you this is not a republican movement but a popular movement. The democrats are hurrying this country against the rocks of foreign aggression and doing nothing to save us. Congressman Gardner, ex-President Roosevelt, * * * and others, have pointed out to us repeatedly. Should we never take heed, etc."

—Patriot.

Patriot to what? We would like to know. Out of respect to "Patriot," who asks that his name be withheld, if letter is used, we will just call him "Patriot," but, we opine, with about the same tinge of seriousness as we accept his charge of "radicalism" and of being "traitorous." His patriotism runs mainly in the republican party and our traitorousness runs in the same direction, only we cannot see that we owe it any particular allegiance. Our "radicalism," too, it would seem to us, with regard to the preparedness parade, ought to be shifted to our critic's shoulder. From his standpoint, he might better charge us with the worship of a fetish—anti-militarism. It is the parastatist artists who are the radicals this time; who want a demonstration to carry people off in the realm of light-headedness. Radicalism, in the popular sense, at least, presumes great change, and anything under the sun to get it.

It is the old republican game to a frazzle. When the g. o. p. was in power, everybody was pessimists, anarchists, who disagreed with the existing order of things. They were radicals; wanted a change. Something hellish, then, from the republican standpoint, we assure you—and they practiced it so long that they seemingly cannot get over it. Thundering pell-mell to get hold of the governmental reins again; who are the pessimists, anarchists, plotters after change—radicals—now? What is this talk, advanced by "Congressman Gardner, ex-President Roosevelt * * * and others," about the "democrats * * * hurrying this country against the rocks of foreign aggression and doing nothing to save us," but the worst type of crack-brained pessimism, anarchy, and radicalism? And this preparedness cry, which is of the frenzied sort when it turns to paradism, is merely a part of that same pessimism, anarchy and radicalism, gasping for breath.

If there were any real patriotism in it, why didn't the original promoters of the preparedness parade here accept the proposition of Mr. David L. Guilfoyle at the Wednesday meeting of the Rotary club? His suggestion was that, if we must have a parade, let us put on a patriotic parade, and have it July Fourth. Of course, that wouldn't be carrying out the republican propaganda to have the parades, many as possible, in advance of the republican national convention, and furthermore, one would hardly expect Col. George M. Studebaker to allow any wrenches to be thrown into the machinery plans of the republican party. Mr. Guilfoyle was talking good sense. A patriotic pre-

paredness is one thing; a partisan preparedness propagandized for partisan effect is quite another thing. This country is anti-militaristic. The republicans themselves held to that theory up to the moment that they thought out that a militarism in disguise might be embraced as an issue against the democrats. That happens to be the radical phase of the thing this time.

If the republicans were so all-firedly for preparedness why didn't they do some of the preparing themselves? They have had plenty of opportunity and spent enough money, but under republican rule we got nothing for it.

GYPSYING BY PULLMAN.

There has appeared a news story of a gypsy tribe that chartered a Pullman car in which to make its spring pilgrimage from where it was to where it wanted to be. No money was spared, no luxury omitted.

It's a far cry from the leisurely roadside travel of the old gypsy wagons, precursors of the prairie schooners of our pioneers, to the sixty-mile-an-hour modern train with running water, dining cars and a barber shop.

It makes one wonder whether the Romanies had been nursing "war babies," and like the rest of the country, felt like blowing in the proceeds in extravagant ostentation. Or whether, perhaps, they had opened long-hidden chests of gold for the great occasion. When one reads the further statement that one of the tribe, a bride, made the trip in a \$2,000 automobile which was her husband's wedding gift to her, the affair seems distressingly modern. And yet—could anything seem more magical, more evident of the power of fairies, genii, or other super-worldly folk than the swiftness of steam or gasoline, than the beds which disappear by day to open at the flourish of the black man's wand?

Fortunately, romance is not a matter of method but of spirit. And so long as the season's change and the heart of man longs at times for what is not, so long romance will linger on the earth. Kipling knew this when he wrote "The King."

"Romance" the season-tickets mourn.

"He never ran to catch his train.

"But passed with coach and guard and horn—

"And left the local—late again!

Confound Romance!" . . . And all unseen,

Romance brought up the nine-fifteen.

His hand was on the lever laid.

His oil-can soothed the worrying cranks.

His whistle waked the snow-bound grade.

His fog-horn cut the reeking Banks;

By dock and deep and mine and mill

The Boy-god reckless labored still!

SOCIALISTS AND PEACE.

Socialism will have a new meaning after peace comes again to Europe. The socialist party, having been more or less the offspring of the red-flaggers of a generation ago, has been erroneously deemed by many as synonymous with riot and strife. But in the present war the socialists of Europe have been the one and only adherents of a political party who have, in all the warring countries, steadfastly and consistently stood for peace and for diplomatic settlement of the questions in dispute. The Swedish government has been for months harassed by an element demanding intervention in the war, as against Russia.

With the loyal aid of the socialist party, Sweden has at last quieted the war spirit and declared for unwavering neutrality. The socialists of Germany are responsible, more than any other one factor, for the "peace feelers" the central powers are throwing out. They are being wholeheartedly aided in their efforts by their political brothers in the allied countries everywhere.

Dreaming fantastic dreams, seeing impossible visions, hugging to their bosoms an Utopian chimera they may be, yet the socialists are playing a large and admirable part in bleeding Europe's war. Maybe, too, that is the reason a lot of people in this country are so long on leaning toward the preparedness that savors of militarism. Socialism by name, is in very bad repute, with a lot of folks, and accordingly they may think that if the socialists are for peace, the only thing that remains for them, in order to be different, and patriotic, and "conservative," is to prepare for war.

ABOLISHING PERSONAL TAXES.

Chicago is said to have definitely abandoned trying to collect personal taxes amounting to less than \$25 a year. It has found that the expense of collecting such taxes is more than the receipts. Many other cities have had the same experience, although most of them still keep up the pretense of taxing all personal property, accepting such money as comes easily and ignoring the rest. New York has drifted into the practice of assessing the personal property of citizens known to be wealthy, and ignoring the rest—which means the vast majority of citizens in New York are not even asked to pay personal taxes.

The tendency all over the country is in the same direction. It is felt more and more that at least the goods a family gathers for the making of a home should be exempt. A time may soon come when no personal possessions whatever will be taxed except business investments. And we may go beyond that. There is a marked disposition both in the United States and Canada to lessen the burden now laid on realty improvements. New York is thinking of changing the taxation laws to permit the taxing of buildings at a lower rate than land. That might lead to a general "untaxing of improvements."

Indeed, the dream of Henry George seems to be materializing through the force of national exertion, and yet, while he lived, there were "wise" ones who would have sworn he was an idiot and a fool.

We are threatened with a visit from Estrada Cabrera, president of Guatemala. There is a red hot revolution behind Mr. Cabrera and his stay in our midst will depend upon the amount of Guatemala swag he gets away with.

Lord Beresford has retracted all he said about the English aerial service. There must have been a backing of his lordship's compressed air.

When a German-American groups into a health resort for a few days' fishing can one view the procedure from a strictly neutral angle?

There is nothing pro-German in the movement now in progress in many Indiana cities to clean up the allies.

Some of those military officers get intoxicated over the announcement of a "light" censorship.

THE MELTING POT

FILLED BY THE EDITORIAL STAFF

TOBACCO.

Tobacco is a plant involving great enthusiasms. Among the gentlemen who throw the advertising spasms. They say it brings contentment, peace, refreshment, bliss and blessing.

With nothing whatsoever disappointing or distressing. That when you pack your jimmy-pipe to full and grateful measure The fumes you draw will fill your soul with keen and vital pleasure.

The English language is accommodating, young and plastic, but when tobacco salesmen find themselves enthusiastic They stretch its verbs and adjectives, its nouns and interjections Until they tear them loose from their traditional connections. Alas, it seems there are no words which have sufficient savor To truthfully depict tobacco's beautiful flavor.

And yet, for one who tries to be as truthful as the dickens, Tobacco is a nasty weed which usually sickens The dog or woman, man or child who yields to its temptation: And lets his palate undergo that (ugh!) initiation; And none but foolish victims of the smelly, mussy habit Can see its doubtful merit and proceed to boldly blab it.

ARTHUR BROOKS BAKER.

Perhaps the same thought struck you, but they always get clear water when they stage a diving act in the vaudeville.

White is to be the fashionable color for clothes this summer. So we'll have plenty of white and tan combinations.

THAT PARADE.

The ladies who plan to parade, in the beautiful costumes arrayed, will give little attention to prepare for they are thinking of the clothes they will wear.

THAT OLD KIMONO.

I remember it was tattered and torn. Mute evidence that it had been worn.

It was ragged and faded and old. Yellow and green mingled with gold.

It was lengthy and loose and wide. 'Twas bought when she was a bride. It always swept up every floor— This kimono my wife always wore.

Henry Ford is willing to appear in the suit filed against him by the Navy league. Henry says the league is out for advertising. We print the only Latin we know: Et Tu Fordis.

STRAW BALLOTS.

Everybody seems to be doing it. You are supposed to write your choice and mail it in. Then these ballots are counted and the result announced. If your candidate is ahead it shows the people know a good man when they see one, but if your candidate is well to the rear it shows that few people are taking an interest in the ballot and the real voters are not voting but are waiting for election day when they will show what man they want for the presidency.

Curiosity killed a cat, but no one has ever figured out just what it has done to the human race.

The sporting editor has a good alibi. He says, "Look at the Giants now; Louisville won 12 in a row early in the season."

"Italian force has narrow escape."

Prosperity Under
Tariff Rebuke to
G.O.P. Prophets

By Savoyard.

Sen. Warren G. Harding, a stand-pat delegate to the "regular" republican national convention, has been appointed to sound the "key-note" in that body, and in advance, Mr. Harding has notified the public that the tariff is cast for the paramount issue of the republican campaign, as he designs to pitch it. Whether the party is willing to accept the paramount issue as pronounced by the Ohio senator is problematical. It is plain, unmistakable Aldrichism and it is meet that it should come from a republican successor of Mark Hanna in the United States senate. We all know what a protective tariff is as purveyed by the republican party. We know how it is constructed. We know that it is the handiwork of special interests who write into the different schedules what taxes should be levied on the masses to swell the profits of the classes. That is what a protective tariff is and all it is.

We were warned by statesmen of the school of Mr. Harding that the Underwood tariff would bring universal bankruptcy. We were admonished that it would close all our factories, vacate all our mines, devastate all our farms, put into a state of liquidation all our banks, throw out of employment all our labor.

G. O. P. Prophets False.

These were false prophets. The industries of the country—all sorts of legitimate business—were never so prosperous as now. The best barometer of business is the bank clearings and they were never before so enormous as we see them under this wicked democratic tariff. The figures are startling in their immensity. In the national banks alone there were, March 7, deposits to the stupendous amount of \$10,780,000,000, an increase of \$2,198,000,000, or nearly 25 per cent, in three months! Just think of that under this miserable democratic tariff! That does not include the deposits in state institutions, banks and trust companies, which share in this unprecedented prosperity which has come upon the country that was so unpatriotic as to repeal

the Aldrichism that flourished during the entire 16 years of Hannaism that intervened between the first inauguration of McKinley till the first inauguration of Wilson.

Favorable Balance of Trade. Such statesmen as "Uncle Joe" Cannon and Dr. Gallinger were doleful in the warnings that this Underwood tariff would force us to buy everything and not allow us to sell anything. It is written: "Because of false prophets that come to you in sheep's clothing." Instead of destroying our export trade we have sold abroad, the past 12 months, goods and merchandise that exceed by more than a billion dollars our sales abroad during any year Aldrichism was in the saddle. Nor is that all. For 50 years the G. O. P. has been boasting that its policies alone made a "favorable" balance of trade. Wrong again—as usual. At present the "favorable" balance of trade is greater by more than two fold than it ever was under a republican regime.

Now it is notorious that when congress proceeds "to tinker with the tariff," business takes a vacation till the job is completed. There may be some doubt about some things, but there is no doubt about that thing. Well, suppose Mr. Harding's idea prevails; suppose the republicans return to power? What would follow? A new tariff would be enacted. That would take many months. Then it would require a year for business to adjust itself to that new tariff. Here would be at least 18 months of stress, business depression.

The country might stand that if it were passing through a republican financial panic and business prostration like that of 1907, but it is now riding on the crest of the most marvelous wave of prosperity any people under the sun, on either hemisphere, ever enjoyed.

LAND OF IMAGINATION.

(Raleigh, N. C., News and Observer.) It is hard for our people to comprehend the meanderings of the minds of the people of Mexico, for that country is a land of imagination. Things which the common sense, hard-headed Americans would recognize as the veriest nonsense are accepted by great numbers of those people south of the Rio Grande as being the absolute truth.

Some time ago there was one of that class of nonsensical things published, that Mexican troops were advancing north through Texas, and that President Wilson and his family were fleeing to Canada for safety. That was in the fierce joke class,

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